



## Safety First on Halloween

- **Costumes should be fun, scary...and safe!**
  - Keep costumes short so children can walk safely.
  - Purchase costumes that are flame retardant.
  - Use make-up or face paint, rather than masks, so children can see more easily.
  - Costumes should be light-colored and use reflective tape so children can be seen.
- **Safety Tips for Trick-or-Treat**
  - Plan a trick-or-treating route ahead of time.
  - Have a responsible adult accompany children.
  - Use a flashlight or glow stick to increase visibility.
  - Stay on well-lit streets and cross streets at intersections; Visit well-lit homes.
  - Never let children enter a strange house to collect treats.
  - Carry a mobile phone for quick communication.
  - Don't allow children to sample treats until they are home and have been examined by an adult.
- **Trick-or-Treating can be fun, but consider these "spooktacular" alternatives:**
  - Attend Halloween festivities organized by community groups and churches.
  - Host a Halloween party in your home, and invite the children in your neighborhood and your children's friends!

Call **9-1-1** if someone bothers you, you are lost or scared. If you are worried about something you've eaten, call **Poison control 1-800-222-1222** anytime of the day or night. **For non-emergencies, call 3-1-1.**

**Having a Halloween party? Register your event at [pittsburghpa.gov/publicsafety/halloween/](http://pittsburghpa.gov/publicsafety/halloween/) and download the safety tips and activity page**



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